

## U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND

### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### **CALL FOR PUBLIC-PRIVATE ALLIANCE PROPOSALS RELATED TO THE NEW HORIZONS AND MEDRETE EXERCISE PROGRAM**

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This program is authorized in accordance with Part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 as amended.

UNITED STATES SOUTHERN COMMAND'S offices for Joint Training and Readiness Exercises (JTRE) and Public Private Cooperation (PPC) make a special call for the **submission of concept papers and proposals related to collaboration on New Horizons construction exercises and Medical Readiness Training Exercises (MEDRETEs).**

The USSOUTHCOM New Horizons and MEDRETE exercise programs are vibrant, well-established, international programs conducted by joint (multi-service) and/or combined (multi-nation) engineer, medical, and service support units for the purpose of enhancing the training readiness of U.S. forces, and providing tangible humanitarian and civic assistance that benefit participating host nations. Component Commands (specifically, U.S. Army South and Air Force-South) serve as Executive Agents for planning, executing, and assessing this invaluable program. Although these exercises are primarily intended to improve the readiness of United States engineer, medical, and service support units, the by-products of these construction and medical projects help to serve people in some of the most remote regions of Latin America and the Caribbean. Guidance regarding Humanitarian and Civic Assistance funding is found in United States Code, Title X, Section 401.

In 2006, U.S. SOUTHCOM and supporting units completed construction projects – wells, schools, clinics, and community centers – in four Latin American nations. Additionally, nearly 70 U.S. SOUTHCOM medical training exercises resulted in the treatment of over a quarter million patients (including 3,300 surgeries), and 40,000 animals. 2007 promises to be just as fruitful a year as SOUTHCOM projects and medical exercises will touch thousands of lives in fourteen Latin American countries.

In Fiscal Year 2008 (FY08 runs from 1 October 2007 through 30 September 2008), U.S. SOUTHCOM seeks to develop alliances that broaden and deepen the impact and sustainability of these efforts by bringing additional skills, resources, and materiel – as well as innovative approaches – that promise measurable impacts to complement the core activities of the New Horizons and MEDRETE programs. Potential contributions could include (but are not limited to):

- Services by credentialed medical professionals that augment or complement those brought by military physicians and/or medical support personnel
- Medical (and general) equipment to outfit clinic projects for the host nation
- Medical (and general) supplies for the operation of clinic projects by the host nation

- Educational (and general) equipment to outfit school projects for the host nation
- Educational (and general) supplies for the operation of school projects by the host nation
- Complementary construction services, equipment, and supplies for clinics, schools, wells, and community centers as well as proposals for like community service facilities (such as power generation and water purification facilities; and transportation/communication infrastructure)
- Training and education services to increase host nation community's capacity to perform subsequent health care, education, construction and related services and tasks.

Proposed SOUTHCOM FY08 New Horizons projects include:

Host Nation	Project	Exercise Dates
Haiti	Rehab (TBD)	15 Mar – 15 Jun 08
Honduras	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2 schools</li> <li>▪ 1 clinic</li> </ul>	15 Feb – 15 May 08
Peru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2 schools</li> <li>▪ 1 clinic</li> <li>▪ 1 well</li> </ul>	01 Jul – 30 Sep 08
Suriname	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2 schools</li> <li>▪ 1 clinic</li> </ul>	15 Jun – 30 Sep 08
Trinidad & Tobago	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2 schools</li> <li>▪ 1 clinic</li> </ul>	15 Mar – 15 Jun 08

*Note: List is subject to change*

Proposed SOUTHCOM FY08 MEDRETES include:

Host Nation	Total Number	MEDRETE ICW New Horizons	Type	Exercise Dates
Belize	2	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ General medicine</li> </ul>	
Bolivia	3	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ General medicine</li> </ul>	28 Jan – 16 Feb 08 11 Aug – 30 Aug 08
Chile	1	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ General medicine</li> </ul>	
Colombia	8	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ General medicine</li> </ul>	
Dom Rep	2	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ General medicine</li> </ul>	09 Jun – 28 Jun 08
Ecuador	4	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plastic surgery</li> <li>▪ ENT</li> </ul>	29 Oct – 17 Nov 07
El Salvador	3	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ General medicine</li> </ul>	25 Feb – 15 Mar 08
Guatemala	5	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plastic surgery</li> <li>▪ General medicine</li> </ul>	28 Apr – 17 May 08
Guyana	2	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ General medicine</li> </ul>	09 Jun – 28 Jun 08
Haiti	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ General medicine</li> </ul>	15 Mar – 15 Jun 08
Honduras	14	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ophthalmology</li> <li>▪ Pediatrics</li> <li>▪ ENT</li> <li>▪ Orthopedics</li> <li>▪ Dental</li> <li>▪ General medicine</li> </ul>	15 Feb – 15 May 08
Nicaragua	3	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ General medicine</li> </ul>	25 Feb – 15 Mar 08
Panama	5	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ophthalmology</li> <li>▪ General medicine</li> </ul>	28 Apr – 28 Jun 08
Paraguay	2	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ General medicine</li> </ul>	11 Aug – 30 Aug 08
Peru	6	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ General medicine</li> </ul>	01 Jul – 30 Sep 08
Suriname	3	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ General medicine</li> <li>▪ Dental</li> </ul>	15 Jun – 30 Sep 08
Trinidad & Tobago	3	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ General medicine</li> <li>▪ Dental</li> </ul>	15 Mar – 15 Jun 08

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Project proposals that complement U.S. SOUTHCOM core activities may be submitted to USSOUTHCOM's office for Public Private Cooperation (PPC). This office will also be responsible for the proposal review process and management of the award process. U.S. SOUTHCOM will not entertain proposals for funding. Rather, these proposals should focus on services, materiel and tasks that are mutually complementary. For example, U.S. SOUTHCOM constructs a clinic and a private entity subsequently staffs and equips the clinic to provide sustainable health services and education to a local community (note: this type of arrangement illustrates how U.S. SOUTHCOM and private entities can collaborate while using separate funding). Applicants are required to submit short concept papers to USSOUTHCOM's PPC office. Applicants may receive instructions on whether or not to proceed with a full proposal. Technical comments provided on the concept paper should guide the submission of the full proposal. SOUTHCOM will invite organizations with promising proposals to its exercise conference in Miami (17-19 October 2007).

Before submitting a concept paper we encourage applicants to speak with key technical staff involved in the New Horizons and MEDRETE programs. These staffs can inform you whether or not your idea is appropriate to the country (or countries) of interest and aligned with USG goals in the country. Below is a list of exercise and public-private cooperation staffs.

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